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2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2002-26931, published January 25, 2002.
3. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 8-265322, published October 11, 1996.
4. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2000-299886, published October 24, 2000.
5. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2000-295650, published October 20, 2000.
6. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 7-222245, published August 18, 1995.
7. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2001-298467, published October 26, 2001.

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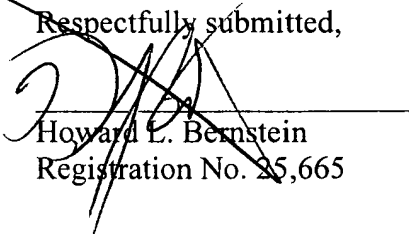
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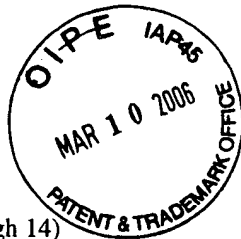
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(Claims 1 through 14)

With respect to Figure 4 of Cited Example 1, it is stated in (0027) that "Connection is established with an access point currently in service. Terminal MS periodically collects information on usable access points (401)," indicating that surrounding access points are periodically searched; it is furthermore stated in (0027) that "It is also possible to have the terminal MS transmit a request to access points AP 1 through 4 and to have usable access points respond thereto by transmitting access point information," implying the active scan of the present application.

Furthermore, Cited Example 1, as indicated in (0029), describes the selection of access points by weighting a plurality of elements (levels and loads).

The point of Claim 12 is well known, as described in (0036) through (0037) of Cited Example 2 and in (0013) of Cited Example 3.

The matters described in other claims do not go beyond design features or well-known means which would be implemented as necessary by a person skilled in the art, and are not found to entail any technical difficulty.

List of Cited Literature

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2001-274816
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